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BOROUGH OF EYE

Annual Report of the Medical
Officer of Health for the
Year ending 31st. December 1952.



A N N U A L R E P O R T .

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

as to the
Sanitary Conditions of the Eye Borough
for the Year 1952.

The Mayor and Members of the Council of the Borough of Eye.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of
the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1952.

The year under review has been very healthy,
remarkably few Infectious Diseases being notified. The
outbreak of measles was in the last quarter of the year.
It should be noted also that the cases of puerperal pyrexia
notified occurred in the hospital and were not necessarily
inhabitants of the Borough. The number of cases of
tuberculosis remain fairly stationary.

The birth rate and death rate considered along
with the comparability factor compare favourably with those
of England and Wales.

During the year I have received valuable support
and assistance from members of my department and wish to
record once more my appreciation and thanks.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area.	4410 acres.
Population (1951 Census)	1631.
Population (Registrar General's midyear estimate)	1623
Number of inhabited houses.	563
Rateable Value.	£8761
Product of Penny Rate.	£34. 18. 1.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate births.	10.	10.	20.
Illegitimate births.	-	-	-

Birth rate per 1000 population.	12.322.
Rate per 1000 population (England & Wales)	15.3.
Comparability factor.	1.25.

STILLBIRTHS.

	Nil.
Maternal Mortality.	Nil.
Infant Mortality.	1 male and 1 female.

DEATHS.

<u>LATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	12.	11.	23.
Death rate per 1000 population.			14.171.
Rate per 1000 population (England & Wales).			11.3.
Comparability factor.			0.68.

Causes of Deaths.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	-
Malignant neoplasm breast.	-	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic N.	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2	3
Coronary disease angina.	3	1
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	1
Other heart diseases.	2	2
Bronchitis.	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-
Other defined & ill defined diseases.	2	-
	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

TUBERCULOSIS.

At the beginning of the year there were 11 cases on the register, 6 pulmonary and 5 non-pulmonary. One new case was notified during the year and 3 cases were removed, leaving 9 cases on the register.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year.

Puerperal Pyrexia.	5.
Measles.	25.
Pneumonia	2.
Clinical Glandular Fever.	1.
Paratyphoid Fever.	1. (Not confirmed).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following figures for the year 1952. The Registrar General no longer sends figures for the child population, so the usual percentage cannot be worked out, and I have only the actual figures from the County Medical Officer:

Number of pre-school children immunised.	11.
Number of school children immunised.	-.
Number of booster doses.	15.

MILK.

No samples of milk were taken during 1952 for biological examination.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not found necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

M. DAWSON,
M.D., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.



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ENDING 31st DECEMBER. 1952.

HOUSING.

The Council's Housing Programme has proceeded according to plan, and proposals for further building have been formulated. Procedure for the purchase of the necessary land has been put in operation. The Council completed the building of 16 houses during the year.

It is the Council's policy to encourage private building where ever possible, and 3 new houses were built by private enterprise during the year.

REPAIRS UNDER THE HOUSING & PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

No statutory action was found necessary in order to effect repairs during the year, all repairs required being carried out by the owners of properties as a result of informal action.

CLOSET CONVERSION.

All properties along the line of the sewer have now been connected with the exception of one. I understand that this will be connected in the near future.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

During the year a change was made in the in the transport arrangements for refuse collection. The horse failed, and it was decided to turn over to motor transport. A three wheeled MOTO-CART chassis was purchased, and the body of the horse drawn vehicle was cleverly adapted to fit this chassis. The change to motor transport has speeded up the refuse collection service and made labour available for other purposes.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Since my last annual report the transport of meat from the central source has been much improved, and no complaints have been received regarding this. The carcasses are, as far as ever possible, hung in the vehicles for transport.

A small quantity of beef was condemned due to bruising and also some canned food was condemned mainly owing to damaged cans.

MILK.

The distribution of milk in the Borough is practically all in bottles as received from the Milk Depot. No complaint has been received either of quality or the method of distribution.

SEWERAGE.

Conditions at the sewerage farm are far from satisfactory and considerable flooding has taken place. The formation of the irrigation areas is such that ponding takes place, the slope of the beds in an Easterly direction being excessive. Banking has been tried out with partial success, but sewage has burst through and found its way to ditches and the River Dove. Under present conditions it is practically impossible to guarantee that pollution of the River Dove will not take place. Every endeavour is made to avoid this, but in my opinion the only remedy is the construction of the percolating filter already proposed, and I would suggest that this matter be expedited to the utmost.

WATER.

Routine sampling has been carried and the analyst's reports state that the water is highly satisfactory. No extensions of the mains have been carried out.

Hartismere R.D.C, continue to purchase water in bulk from the mains near the Borough boundary at Oak Lawn. The amount supplied during the year was 2,651,000 gallons.

H. AUSTIN REEVE.

Sanitary Inspector.

